

AGENDA

Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, November 17, 2009 • 8:30 a.m. • Room C250 State Capitol

(Background materials are posted at <http://www.le.utah.gov/asp/interim/Commit.asp?Year=2009&Com=SPECWL>. As they become available, additional materials will be mailed to committee members and posted at the same site.)

Approximate
Time Frame

8:30 1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the September 30, 2009 meeting

8:35 2. 2010 Legislation

The Oversight Panel's staff will brief the Panel on requests for 2010 child welfare legislation.

- Mr. Thomas Vaughn, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

8:50 3. Department of Human Services Related-Party Investigation Procedure

At its October 30, 2009 meeting, the Administrative Rules Review Committee voted to recommend that the Legislature not reauthorize R495-888, a Department of Human Services administrative rule that addresses related-party investigations. The Panel will be briefed on the issue and determine whether to make any recommendations.

- Staff presentation
- Ms. Lisa-Michele Church, Executive Director, Department of Human Services

9:20 4. Caseloads

As follow-up to its last meeting, the Oversight Panel will receive a briefing from the Division of Child and Family Services on recent changes in caseworker caseloads.

- Division of Child and Family Services

9:35 5. Foster Care

The Oversight Panel will receive reports on the recruitment, retention, training, and needs of foster parents and children in Utah.

- Ms. Kelly Peterson, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Foster Care Foundation
- Ms. Jennifer Gardner, Foster Parent
- Other invited witnesses
- Public comment

10:20 6. Other DCFS Providers

The Oversight Panel will receive reports from other selected DCFS providers on the potential impacts of any DCFS budget reductions.

- Invited witnesses
- Public comment

11:00 7. Guardian ad Litem

The Oversight Panel will receive the annual report of the Office of the Guardian ad Litem and an update on the Office's progress addressing issues raised in the November 2008 in-depth follow-up audit of the Office by the Legislative Auditor General.

- Mr. Rick Smith, Director, Office of the Guardian ad Litem

11:25 8. Reports

The Oversight Panel will review reports submitted to it this year, including the annual reports on compliance with court deadlines, the annual report on child fatality reviews, and a report on the federal Child and Family Services Review.

- Staff presentation
- Other invited witnesses

11:40 9. Other Business

11:45 10. Adjourn